# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
# LOK SABHA

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LPG Subsidy
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

(a) the increase in the number of domestic LPG connections and quantum of subsidy outlay as a result thereof during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
(b) whether the rising subsidy burden and high import dependency for LPG are posing challenges to current account deficit and national security;
(c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto alongwith the steps taken to overcome the situation; and
(d) whether the Government has organised international conference on cooking gas recently and if so, the details thereof indicating the number of participants and issues discussed in the said conference?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)
(a) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have released 5.27 crore LPG connections during 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16. Further, OMCs have released 1.40 crore LPG connections during the current Financial Year upto 30.09.2016. State/UTs-wise details of LPG connections released during 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 and 2016-17 (upto 30.09.2016) are at Annexure.
(b) & (c) The total subsidy/under recovery on domestic LPG since 2013-14 is as under :-
(Rs. Crore)
2013-14
2014-15
2015-16
H1 2016-17
52247
40569
16074
4557
Details of imports during the last three years are as under :-
(Quantity in TMT)
2013-14
2014-15
2015-16
2016-17 (till Sept. 16)
6094
8195
8722
4664
(d) OMCs had sponsored the international conference on LPG : Catalyst of Social Change held on 1st-2nd September, 2016. Participants of the Conference included officials of Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, State governments and Oil Marketing Companies, Foreign delegates, distributors and beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana Scheme. A gist of the issues discussed in the Conference is as under :-
(i) Need of LPG as a cooking fuel,
(ii) PAHAL − Success of the largest Direct Bank Transfer Scheme to curb pilferage.
(iii) Give it up − A Silent Revolution
(iv) Ujjwala − A vehicle of women empowerment & overall socio economic growth of poor
(v) Ujjwala − The road map ahead
(vi) Reaching out unreached − Sharing administrative issues from states.
(vii) Sharing of Global experience in expanding access to clean cooking fuel
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